GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TAX HOLIDAY TO LNG UNITS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the core group of secretaries has accepted proposal to grant infrastructure status to Liquefied Natural Gas projects and rationalisation of import duties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is also a proposal to extend benefits of section 10(23G) of the Income Tax Act and the Tax Holiday Benefit to LNG projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and its impact on industries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) : No, sir. However, the Group of Officers constituted to examine various issues relating to the LNG Sector has recommended grant of infrastructure status to liquefied natural gas projects and uniform rates of import duty for power and other sectors.

(c) : No, sir.

(d) : Does not arise in view of (c) above.